

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1382 – HB 1331

March 29, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes private universities and colleges accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, having an enrollment that is 30 percent or more of the population of the municipality in which the main campus is located, to employ and commission campus police officers, provided that the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality appoints the officers as special deputies in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-8-212, and defines the geographical limitations of police power of the special deputies. Specifies that the law enforcement agency, having jurisdiction over the location of the main campus, shall be immune from suit by anyone incurring any wrong, injury, loss, damage, or expense resulting from any act or failure to act on the part of any special deputy commissioned as a campus police officer. Requires the individuals to be appointed as special deputies or commissioned as campus police officers to prove financial responsibility in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-8-303(c) to the chief of the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the main campus. Declares that this subsection does not entitle the campus police officers to any public funding, for training or other purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005919): Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are to authorize the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality to appoint a campus police officer as a special police officer and to include language relating to special police officers in the immunity and financial responsibility clauses of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Public colleges and universities will not be impacted.
- Any expense related to the training, employment, or insurance for campus police officers will be the responsibility of the private college or university.

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- Any increase in local expenditures for the chief of the municipal law enforcement agency to appoint special deputies or special officers and define the geographic limits of their police power is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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